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SUBJECT: THAILAND CIVAIR: CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION IN
OPEN SKIES TALKS, SEP 7-8, 2005

REF: A) STATE 147598 B) BANGKOK 5454 C) STATE 159080

1. (U) This is an action message. Please see paragraph 6.

2. (U) The Royal Thai Government has officially confirmed its plans to send a delegation to engage in talks on September 7-8 (with September 9 held in reserve) with the objective of concluding an Open Skies Agreement. Mr. Chaisak Angkasuwan, Director General of the Department of Civil Aviation, provided said confirmation in a letter to the Embassy dated August 29, 2005, and Minister of Transport Pongsak Ruktapongpasal reaffirmed the commitment of the RTG in a meeting with the Charge on August 31.

3. (U) Set out below are the names and data for the members of the RTG delegation. Embassy understands that the Department is already familiar with both the Head of Delegation and the Chief Negotiator.

Mr. Mahidol CHANTRANGKURN (Head of Delegation)
Vice Minister, Ministry of Transport
Passport Number D212307
Date of Birth: 16 August 1940

Dr. Srisook CHANDRANGSU (Chief Negotiator)
Chairman, Air Services Committee
Passport Number G263428
Date of Birth: 14 January 1944

Mr. Itthi Sirilatthayakorn
Advisor to the Minister of Transport
Passport Number: F390650
Date of Birth: xx xx 1954 (immigration records may read 1 January 1954)

Mr. Chaisak Angkasuwan
Director General of the Department of Civil Aviation
Passport Number: F373351
Date of Birth: 13 November 1949

Miss Pattama Tantirujanant
Director, Air Transport Regulatory Bureau, Department of Civil Aviation
Passport Number: F393783
Date of Birth: 14 June 1956

Mrs. Parichat Kotcharat
Director, International Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Transport
Passport Number: F377583
Date of Birth: 16 October 1954

Mr. Yos Laohasilpsomjit
Director, Air Services Agreement and Negotiation Section
Department of Civil Aviation
Passport Number F380412
Date of Birth: 6 November 1953

Miss Duadee Pratipsindhu
Chief, International Agreement, Law and Regulations Division
Ministry of Transport
Passport Number F371244
Date of Birth: 2 March 1964

Mr. Pyrasak Duangkaew
Air Transport Technical Officer, Department of Civil Aviation
Passport Number F304662
Date of Birth: 13 June 1973

Mr. Apichart Danivan
Vice President, Government Relations Department
Thai Airways International Plc.
Passport Number J532214

Mr. Dussadee Pradithbatuga
Director, International Affairs Department
Thai Airways International Plc.
Passport Number G245601
Date of Birth: 10 December 1950

14. (U) In view of the experience of both the Head of Delegation and the Chief Negotiator, interpreters will not be necessary for the negotiations.

15. (U) The Embassy has made arrangements for the proper visas to be issued to the members of the RTG delegation who did not already possess valid visas for travel to the United States. The delegation plans to travel to the United States over the weekend beginning September 3.

16. (U) Please provide the following no later than COB Thursday, September 1 (EST) so as to allow for the Embassy to communicate to the RTG on Friday morning, September 2, 2005, Thai time:

a) U.S. delegation list (Note: Aaron P. Forsberg, Embassy Aviation Officer will be TDY in Washington and is planning to attend the talks. End note.)

b) Information on in-processing at the Department of State on September 7

c) Location, schedule, and agenda for the talks

d) Confirmation that there will be no exchange of gifts.
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